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emphasize the opportunity to participate in the campaign against tuberculosis and to promote more effective public-health work in our cities.

The bibliography is well chosen and the list of concise questions at the end of each chapter facilitates the use of the book as a text in the classroom and in study clubs. It is a book that will be of interest to all social workers and it is also a contribution toward a scientific study of philanthropy.

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An American in the Making: The Life Story of an Immigrant. By M. E. RAVAGE. New York and London: Harper, 1917. Pp. 271. \$1.40.

When we speak of the race problem in America we think of the negro and then, perhaps, of the oriental. We have not hitherto considered the European immigrant in this connection. Most of our foreign populations have been, until very recent years, sufficiently eager to become full-fledged Americans. The easy terms upon which they were admitted to citizenship and the rapidity with which the second generation has adopted American manners and entered into the eager scramble of American life have created problems enough, but they have not been race problems.

Something has happened in recent years to change this. The immigrant has begun, for one thing, to read what men write about him; he has reflected on it, and as our schools have made him articulate he has begun to write back. In doing this he is seeking to state his own point of view. He is not wholly apologetic, however. He is critical as well, and his comments on American life, or rather upon the transplanted European life which he meets here, shed light on places that need illumination. The book by M. E. Ravage is one of these human documents. It is perhaps all the more interesting because it is the story of one who has not as yet been so thoroughly and happily assimilated as the writers whose autobiographies have preceded his. And there is in this book a certain amount of self-assertion which seems to represent, as I have suggested, a dawning racial consciousness.

"What, I wonder, do they know of America, who know only America? The more I think upon the subject the more I become persuaded that the teacher and the taught, as between those who were born and those who came here, must be reversed."

It is a Roumanian Jew who speaks this. This book is the story of the author's translation, if I may use that expression, from the quiet, humdrum life of a Roumanian village to the roaring confusion and excitement of New York City. This story has all the qualities of a romance with rather more actuality, news, and realistic detail than even the best fiction offers. It is a valuable source-book on the subject of the immigrant.

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The Challenge of Pittsburgh. By DANIEL L. MARSH. New York: Missionary Education Movement, 1917. Pp. viii+311. Cloth, \$0.60; paper, \$0.40.

The Challenge of St. Louis. By GEORGE B. MANGOLD, Director, Missouri School of Social Economy. New York: Missionary Education Movement, 1917. Pp. 271. Cloth, \$0.60; paper, \$0.40.

The title of these books suggests the purpose for which they were written. They belong to what we may call "The Challenge of the Cities Series." "Challenge" is a word taken from the bright lexicon of the Uplifter. It is a word used to express the fact that a situation is "up to you." In this case "you" refers to the churches. The purpose of these books is to put the facts about our cities, so far as they can be gathered from existing sources of information, into such shape that they will interest people who find their intellectual life in the church and its activities. It is one of the ways in which the modern church, which has lost its interest in decisive doctrines, is seeking to find a new material and a new method for carrying on its historic task. Since the church in its struggle for intellectual freedom divorced itself from the state it has largely lost its touch with life. It is only in its missionary movements that the church has maintained its contact with secular activities and actual life. It is on the whole the missionaries, foreign and domestic, who are bringing the church into new avenues of usefulness and giving it new hope and new faith. These books are useful; not important as literature perhaps, but they are manifestations of the missionary movement and of the changing current of community life as it is reflected in the churches.

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